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FYSA:

- EPA is operating under a Continuing Resolution that provides appropriations through Dec 7.
- EPW subcommittee on Superfund held a hearing today entitled “Oversight of the Environmental Protection Agency's Implementation of Sound and Transparent Science in Regulation”. There were no federal witnesses on the panel.
- FOIA Officers Council will meet tomorrow to discuss implementation of the “open records” law
- David Dunlap was introduced Monday, October 1, as the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Research and Development in ORD, replacing Richard Yamada who left the agency effective September 14.
- ORD is undergoing a reorganization. This restructuring plan was developed by ORD career leadership to ensure the continued development of strong science to support the Agency’s mission. As was announced, the new ORD offices will be called the Office of Resource Management and Office of Science Integration and Policy. The first office combines ORD administrative support functions into a single office and the latter combines OSP and OSA. Both new offices will include relevant functions from NCER. Combining OSA and OSP will enhance our ability to coordinate science across the Agency while reinforcing our scientific integrity policy. As you all know, the Senate confirmed Assistant Administrator for ORD has customarily served as the EPA Science Advisor. As we do not have a Senate confirmed AA, I will continue to serve as the Agency’s Science Advisor. ORD is retaining all of the functions of all of the offices being restructured, and there will be no reductions in FTE as a result of these changes. This restructuring will help ORD be more efficient and more responsive to Agency priorities, providing the science needed to protect human health and the environment. More information related to ORD, new personnel, and programmatic activities can be found at <https://intranet.ord.epa.gov/ord/news/2018/10/02/weekly-compass-october-2-2018>
- OARM and OEI are slated to undergo a merger as well
- HSST minority has requested a briefing on the ORD/OSA merger
- HEC has requested a briefing on tire crumb
- Winners of the Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators (PIAEE) and the President’s Environmental Youth Award (PEYA) have been announced. Ten educators and 49 students are being recognized for their efforts from across the country.
- It’s Children’s Health Month! This week’s theme focus: Promote Healthy Environments/Children’s Health Research
- The EJ Community Problem Solving Grants are slated to be announced later this week

Best,

Jody

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